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SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FY77 PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM

REF (A) STATE 26085, (B) STATE 20693, (C) CAIRO 1779,

(D) CAIRO 38, (E) CAIRO 17778, (F) CAIRO 482,

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, WE ARE CONTINUING WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO SIGN SUBJECT AMENDMENT ON BAIS COMMODITY COMPOSITION, QUANTITIES AND VALUE CONTAINED IN REF B. THIS MESSAGE WILL ATTEMPT RESPOND TO OTHER ISSUES RAISED IN REF A, SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COVERED IN PRIOR MESSAGES, SOME OF WHICH WILL BE DEALT WITH HEREIN, AND SOME OF WHICH WILL REQUIRE FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

2. WHILE HANDLING, STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION CAPACITIES WERE FACTORS, MISSION RECOMMENDATION IN REF C FOR REDUCING QUANTITY OF WHEAT AND USING FUNDS TO INCREASE QUANTITIES OF FEED GRAINS AND TOBACCO WAS PRINCIPALLY BASED ON OUR ASSESSMENT OF GOE REQUIREMENTS, NOT PHYSICAL PROBLEMS. WE BELIEVE WHEAT/FLOUR IMPORTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 4 MILLION TONS (WHEAT EQUIVALENT) COVER FY77 REQUIREMENTS AND ALLOW FOR DESIRABLE INCREASE IN MINSUPPLY STOCKS. IN CONTRAST, QUANTITIES

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OF FEED GRAINS AND TOBACCO IN AGREEMENT, INCLUDING SUBJECT AMENDMENT, ARE WELL BELOW MINIMUM IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF GOE. HENCE OUR VIEW THAT INCREASES IN THESE COMMODITIES WOULD HAVE BEEN OF GREATER ASSISTANCE TO GOE THAN ADDITIONAL 400,000 TONS WHEAT. WHILE GOE WELCOMES INCLUDING OF 4,000 TONS DRY BEANS, THEIR ASSESSMENT OF IMPORT REQUIREMENT WAS 3,000 TONS.

3. WHILE BOTH ENTER COUNTRY THROUGH SAME PORT FACILITIES, WE DO NOT BELIEVE BULK WHEAT AND FEED GRAINS THEREAFTER FOLLOW DUPLICATE TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE AND HANDLING PATTERS. WHEAT MOVES DIRECTLY TO FLOUR MILLS AND THENCE TO BAKERIES IN MAJOR CITIES WHILE FEED GRAINS GO TO FEED MILLS IN DEIFFERENT LOCATIONS. WE WILL SEEK MORE SPECIFIC INFO THIS SUBJECT FROM GOE.

4. FOLLOWING INFO IN RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED IN PARA 1B
REF A IN SAME ORDER AS THEREIN:

(L) MISSION REPORTED INFO BELOW ON GOE PURCHASES OF WHEAT
FOR FY77 IN REF D ON 1/3/77:

QUANTITY AND ORIGIN	DATE OF	SHIPPING PERIOD
CONTRACT		

COMMERCIAL PURCHASES

WHEAT

1.25 MILLION MT	12/1/76	2/77-1/78 (930,000
FROM AUSTRALIA		MT TO BE SHIPPED
		BY 9/30/77)

500,000 MT FROM CANADA 12/15/76 1/77-10/77

250,000 MT ANY ORIGIN 10/1/76 10/76-1/77

WHEAT FLOUR

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100,000 MT FROM FRANCE	10/11/76	11/76-2/77
22,500 MT FROM ITALY	10/11/76	11/76-12/76
22,000 MT FROM EUROPE	10/11/76	11/76-12/76
200,000 MT FROM FRANCE	12/5/76	2/76-9/77

FOOD AID COMMITMENTS

WHEAT

35,000 MT FROM CANADA NOT PROVIDED 10/76-12/76

WHEAT FLOUR

21,600 MT FROM FRANCE	8/8/76	11/76
10,596 MT FROM ITALY	9/16/76	3/77

WE POINTED OUT IN REF D THAT ABOVE DOES NOT INCLUDE ON
MILLION TONS WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR IN ORIGINAL FY77 AGREEMENT.

GOE TOLD US 2/9/77 ADDITIONAL 400,000 TONS WHEAT IN SUBJECT AMENDMENT WILL BE SHIPPED 70,000 TONS EACH MONTH JUNE-OCT AND 50,000 TONS NOV. PLEASE ADVISE IF DATA ABOVE SATISFIES NEEDS OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES FOR WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR SHIPPING SCHEDULES. WE WILL REQUEST SIMILAR INFO ON FEED GRAINS FROM GOE.

5. MISSION HAS ALREADY REPORTED ON PORT UNLOADING CAPACITIES OF ALEXANDRIA AND PORT SAID. REF E SENT 12/27/76 STATES IN PARA 5 QUOTE FOR OGSM/MAXWELL. AMCONSUL PORT SAID ADVISES THAT 1,400 MT EACH CAN BE UNLOADED BY HAND FROM UP TO FOUR SHIPS DAILY. IN ADDITION, UP TO 100 TONS PERDAY PER SHIP CAN BE UNLOADED BY LIGHTERING. NUMBER OF SHIPS WHICH CAN BE UNLOADED BY LATTER SYSTEM DEPENDS ON MANY FACTORS AND WILL VARY. END QUOTE. REF F SENT 1/10/77 STATES QUOTE PORT OF ALEXANDRIA CAN UNLOAD 5,000 MT BULK WHEAT PER DAY AT THE GRAIN ELEVATOR PLUS 7,000 MT BAGGED WHEAT FLOUR, OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BULK WHEAT, OR COMBINATION OF BOTH, AT THE GRAIN QUAYS. END QTE

6. WE WILL ASK GOE FOR IDENTIFICATION OF INLAND STORAGE FACILITIES AND TOTAL CAPACITY.

7. WE WILL ASK GOE FOR IDENTIFICATION OF MILLION FACILITIES. MINSUPPLY TOLD US 2/9/77 THAT MILLING CAPACITY IS 10,000 MT PER DAY, STOCKS ON 2/1/77 WERE 661,000 TONS AND MONTHLY CONSUMPTION RATE IS 290,000 TONS. THESE ESTIMATES APPLY ONLY TO MINSUPPLY SYSTEM AND DISREGARD MOST DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED WHEAT WHICH IS CONSUMED WHERE PRODUCED. MINSUPPLY ACQUIRES ONLY ABOUT 200,000 TONS OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION ANNUALLY.

8. REGARDING REASSURANCE FROM GOE THAT TITLE I FOOD COMMODITIES WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PRIORITY BERTHING AND UNLOADING AT PORTS, AGATTACHE CAIRO REPORTED VIA TOFAS SERIES ON 12/23/76 TO USDA AS FOLLOWS: QTE AGATTACHE WAS ASSURED BY DR MIKAWI OF MARTRANS ON 12/23/76 THAT PL480 FOOD CARGOES WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIV PRIORIY DISCHARGE IN PORT OF ALEXADNRIA. UNQTE. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN SECOND ASSURANCE FROM MARTRANS ON 2/9/77 THAT TITLE I CARGOES WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PRIORITY TREATMENT IN PORTS.

9. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 2.A OF REF A, WE POINTED OUR IN PARA 4 REF C THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES MUST CONSIDER FACTORS NOT NECESSARILY KNOWN HERE. MISSION HAD BEEN GIVEN NO INDICATION OF MAXIMUM QUANTITY FEEDGRAINS THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOE UNDER TITLE I.

10. AS SUGGESTED PARA 2C OF REF A, GOE HAS INDICATED DESIRE

TO INCLUDE TOBACCO IN ENLARGED CIP.

11. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST PROGRAMMING ANY PORTION OF 400,000 TONS WHEAT TO BE ADDED IN AMENDMENT AS FLOUR. GOE HAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT ENTIRE QUANTITY BE IN FORM OF WHEAT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOREOVER, MISSION IS CURRENTLY TRYING TO ASSESS PUBLIC AWARENESS IN EGYPT OF USG ASSISTANCE. SEVERAL MISSION OFFICERS HAVE PICKED UP COMMENTS FROM EGYPTIAN CONTACTS TO EFFECT THAT MUCH USG AID BENEFITS PRINCIPALLY THE UPPER CLASSES WITH ONLY MARGINAL EFFECT ON POOR MASSES. ADDITIONAL FLOUR UNDER TITLE I, WHICH IS LARGELY USED FOR EUROPEAN BREAD, PASTRIES, AND IN TOURIST TRADE, ONLY LENDS CREDENCE TO THAT VIEW. GOE ASSURES US THEY CAN HANDLE WHEAT IMPORTS SCHEDULED ARRIVE IN NEAR FUTURE AND 96 NEW VACUATORS FINANCED BY USAID WILL BE COMING ON STREAM IN APPROX ONE MONTH. THESE SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE UNLOADING CAPABILITY OF EGYPTIAN PORTS FOR WHEAT AND BULK GRAINS. EILTS

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